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April 25, 1994

Mr. Dan Kaemmerer
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Dear Mr. Kaemmerer:

The Town of East Troy in the County of Walworth requests your support for the acquisition of park land according to the provisions of the State Stewardship program. Until the recent acquisition of a 22-acre parcel on Potter's Lake for wetland conservation, the Town did not own or manage any park or open space lands for public recreation. Acquisition of recreational lands is now a serious concern as impending high density developments create a strong need for park facilities. Your assistance of \$47,500 will contribute to one-half of the funds needed to obtain a twelve-acre parcel that will begin East Troy's first multi-use recreational park.

The above parcel is mostly wooded with several buildings and lies in a strategic location between the Town Hall and open land (of ten acres or more) that has the potential of being added to the proposed park. Joining these two parcels together will create a convenient community park with many uses. However, before this addition can be considered, the Town must first purchase the twelve-acre parcel. The proposed acquisition also lies between the Villages of Mukwonago and East Troy with direct access provided by County Trunk Highway ES.

A recent public opinion survey regarding recreational uses for the proposed park revealed the following: a children's play area; picnicing; bird watching; horse-shoe pitching; nature walks; and community gatherings. The area North of the Town Hall provides an excellent site for a park pavillion. The future acquisition of the second parcel will provide the necessary space for open field events such as baseball, soccer or football. The enclosed survey results provide specific public preferences. (See page 14 of Park Plan). Additionally, it is reasonably feasible to incorporate a two to three mile path throughout the park and around a nearby subdivision to accomodate walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, and cross-country skiers. The two parcels also abut a golf course at the North border.

The Town has an option as of April 1, 1994 to purchase the above parcel. Pending acquisition, the Town intends to demolish the improvements, including the former owner's residence and groom the grounds beginning June 1, 1994. The Town's Park Committee proposes a gradual phase development over three years as community use shapes the desired potential of the park. Meanwhile, picnic facilities, restrooms, and trails or paths will likely be implemented as the first phase. A fundraising campaign is being considered as one alternative to solicit local community and corporate support for major capital improvements, such as a pavillion, in later developments.

The Town's Park Committee anticipates that at least five nearby municipalities, Towns of Troy, East Troy, and Mukwonago, and the Villages of East Troy and Mukowanogo, as well as the local school district will benefit with continued use of this park, particularly with decreasing State support for school sponsored summer recreational programs. The proposed park is also near a popular food market, the Elegant Farmer, where visitors can retreat to the park for relaxation and lunch. A privately owned trolley operation runs behind the Elegant Farmer and alongside the Southern border of the park. All access ports and facilities shall conform to the recently adopted Americans with Disabilities Act.

In summary, the acquisition of the above twelve-acre parcel will complement a current four-part plan for park and open space development. As indicated in the Town of East Troy's Park and Open Space Plan, the Town has aggressively pursued the development of a boat launch and parking facility for Lake Beulah; the Potter's Lake conservancy project; and a 3/4 acre parcel that permits pedestrian access to Lake Beulah. Although, by most standards, this is a modest endeavor, it is a relatively ambitious undertaking, given the limited monetary resources and the short time that these projects are being developed.

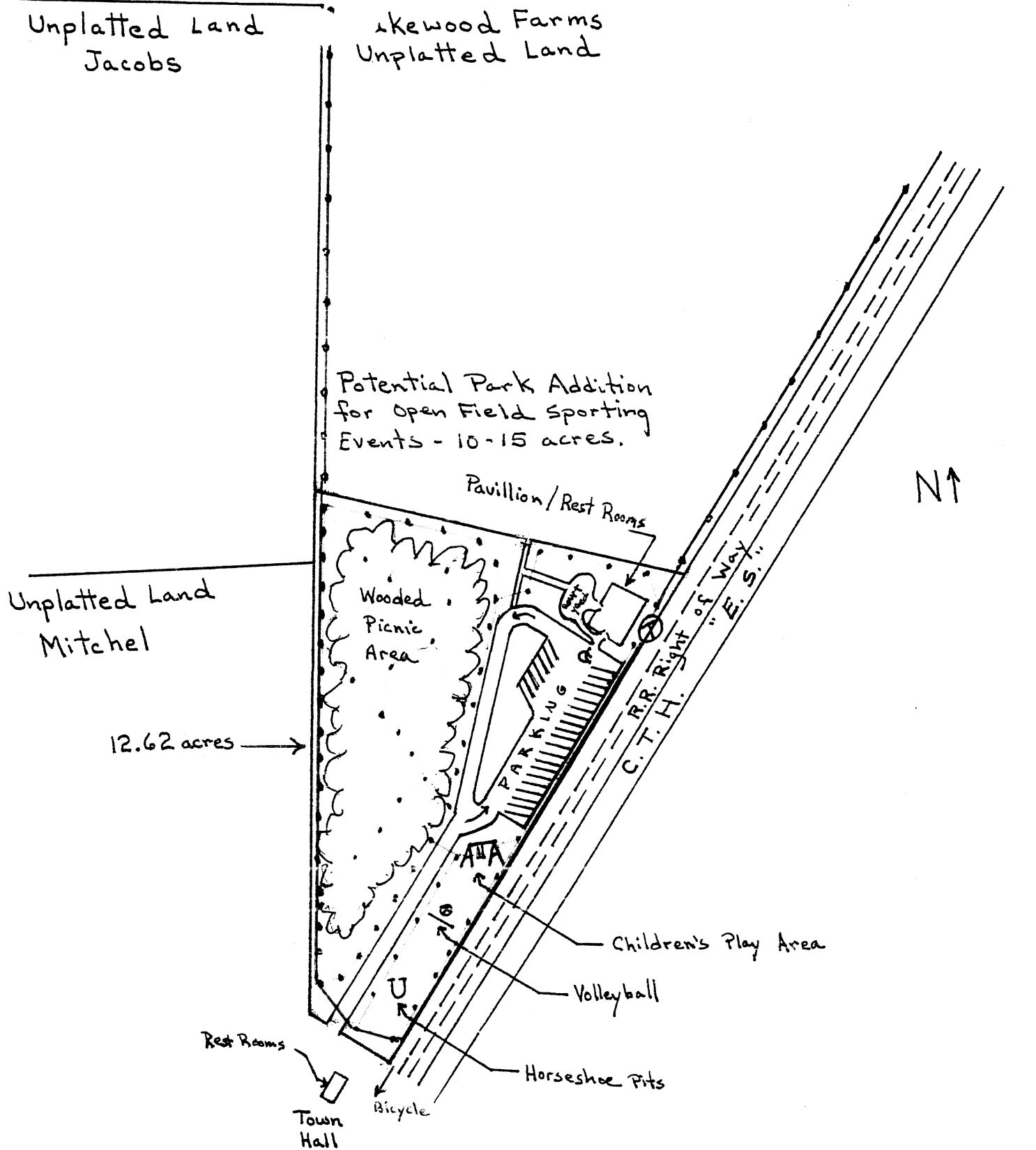
Your financial support is vital to the continued success for East Troy's first and possibly only multi-use recreational park. Thank you for your consideration of East Troy as a Stewardship grant candidate. I look forward to turning this application into a promising reality.

Sincerely;



Clayton D. Montez
Supervisor

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SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 18 East, Town of East Troy, Walworth County, Wisconsin
 TAX # ET-3-1C; Part of ET-3-10
 Zoned C2 and R1

- Key
- ... Nature Trail
 - Hiking/Bicycle/Cross Country Skiing Trail 2-3 miles
 - ⊕ Trolley Stop (So. of Pavillion)
 - ♿ Disabled Parking & Pavillion Access

PLAT OF SURVEY



DATE: 6/16/93

OWNER: RALPH B. STAHL

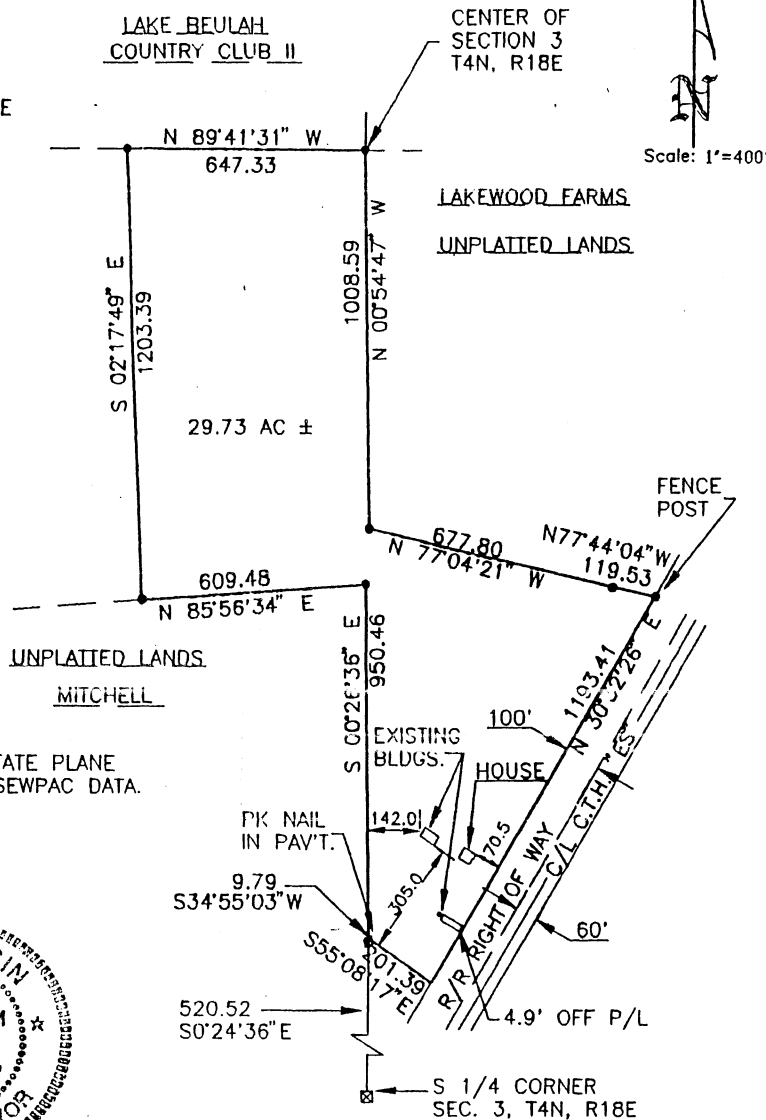
DESCRIPTION:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 AND NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 AND THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, TOWN OF EAST TROY, WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SE 1/4 N0°24'36"W, A DISTANCE OF 520.52' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N34°55'03"E, A DISTANCE OF 9.79' TO A P.K. NAIL SET IN PAVEMENT; THENCE S55°08'17"E, A DISTANCE OF 201.39' TO POINT IN THE WESTERN LINE OF A RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY N30°32'26"E, A DISTANCE OF 1193.41' TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY N77°44'04"W, A DISTANCE OF 119.53' TO A POINT; THENCE N77°04'21"W, A DISTANCE OF 677.80' TO A POINT; THENCE N0°54'47"W, A DISTANCE OF 1008.59' TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 3, THENCE N89°41'31"W, A DISTANCE OF 647.33' TO A POINT; THENCE S2°17'49"E, A DISTANCE OF 1203.39' TO A POINT; THENCE N85°56'34"E, A DISTANCE OF 609.48' TO A POINT; THENCE N85°56'34"E, A DISTANCE OF 950.46' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LEGEND

- FOUND IRON PIPE
- ◊ SET IRON PIPE

JACOBS
UNPLATTED LANDS
FORMERLY STAHL



BEARING BASED ON STATE PLANE
GRID NORTH AS PER SEWPAC DATA.



The above map is a true representation thereof and shows the size and location of all the property, exterior boundaries, the location of all visible boundary fences, apparent easements, roadways and visible encroachments, if any.

This survey is made for the use of the present owners of the property, and also those who purchase, mortgage or guarantee title thereto within one (1) year from date hereof.

Paul H. Van Henkelum
Paul Van Henkelum, R.L.S. 1931

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4. NEEDS ANALYSIS, continued

Preliminary Results

Town of East Troy Park and Recreation Survey

April 1994

As a part of the development of a comprehensive park plan the Subcommittee developed a citizen opinion survey that was sent to all households in the Town of East Troy. 1665 surveys were mailed to the names on the Property Tax records for the Town of East Troy.

A copy of the proposed survey is attached. The following paragraphs summarized some of the key findings from the survey.

Approximately 9.25% were returned, and some of those returned were not completely or correctly filled out for all questions.

Activities selected:

The following activities were chosen as the first choice by those responding:

1. Bicycle Path	(17)	13.8%	✓
2. Nature Trail	(14)	11.4%	✓
3. Children's Play Area	(11)	8.9%	
4. Hiking Trail	(9)	7.3%	✓
5. Fitness Trail	(6)	4.9%	✓
6. Cross Country Skiing			
Picnic Area (shelter)			
Sand Volley Ball	(4)	3.3%	
9. Softball Diamond	(3)	2.4%	

However, when the top three choices were added together the following items were selected by more than 10% of the respondents.

1. Bicycle Path	12.2%
2. Nature Trail	10.6%
3. Hiking Trail	10.3%